

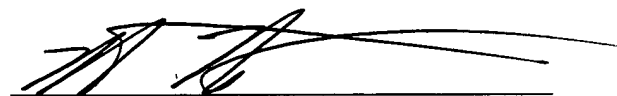
Finally, the prior art references do not teach or suggest all the claim limitations. As stated above, none of the prior art references teach “*a line release attached to said submersible unit, wherein said line release has a first jaw and a second jaw that form an opening that slidably receives a fishing line when in a closed position and for selectively releasing a fishing line when in an open position*” which is a specific feature of both Claims 1 and 11.

For these reasons, among others, the combination of Mechling with Lowden or Combs cannot suggest the combination of features in applicant’s Claims 1-20, particularly as the same are now amended, and it is therefore submitted that the rejection against these claims should be withdrawn and Claims 1-20 allowed.

D. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner’s Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

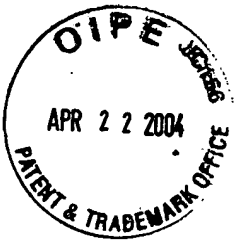


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